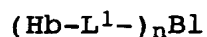


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A liquid crystal composition comprises liquid crystal
5 molecules and an alignment promoter. The alignment promoter is represented by the formula (I).

(I)



In the formula (I), Hb is an aliphatic group having 4
10 to 40 carbon atoms, an aromatic group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms or an aliphatic substituted oligosiloxanoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms. L^1 is a single bond or a di-valent linking group, and n is an integer of 2 to 12. B1 is an n-valent group comprising at least two rings.

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